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Accordingly, copies of the references as listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 are submitted herewith. No certification or fees are deemed necessary.



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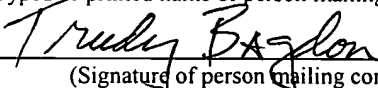
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